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daughter of John and Hannah <sup>Dracut</sup> <sup>Dracut</sup>, her father being a potter by trade and occupation, owning a large interest in several potteries of magnitude in England, where the parents always resided.

The early life of S. D. Bates was passed in attendance at the excellent schools of Summit county, and in becoming versed in the methods and practical knowledge necessary to success in the vocation he had selected as his life work. At the age of twenty-one years he engaged in farming on his own account in Summit county, continuing to be thus employed for eight years, thereafter coming to Idaho in 1890, here laying the foundation of his present prosperity by taking up a homestead of 160 acres of land, and commencing the initial operations of a business which was ultimately destined to be of scope and importance in the raising of superior breeds of stock, giving especial attention to the development of a home that would combine not only completeness of convenience but the best adaptation procurable for the proper carrying on of his chosen departments of husbandry, and for the comfort of his fine herds of cattle, of swine and of horses, which clearly indicate, to even the most casual observer, that Mr. Bates is a man worthy of the reputation he enjoys among his associate stockmen.

He is considered one of the representative members of his class, a man who by his own industry, integrity and ability has raised himself to a solid standing and enjoys an enviable position in the social and business circles of his county, while in the circles of his church he is most capable filling the office of elder, and is the popular and efficient superintendent of the Sunday school. On September 7, 1882, commenced the wedded life of Mr. Bates, as on that date occurred his marriage with Miss Eliza McLing, a native of Utah, and daughter of Dr. James and Emma McLing. Her father

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His father, Jackson McLing, died in Ireland, where he was probably born of Scottish ancestry, and received his name from Gen. Andrew Jackson. Mrs. Emma McLing was born in England on September 14, 1845, and died at Washington, Utah, on April 21, 1885. She was the daughter of James and Mary (Hampson) Straw, her father being a native and lifelong resident of Sheffield, England, where he died in 1887; the mother, whose parents were James and Ann Hampson, was born on August 18, 1807, and died on August 21, 1889. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Bates are thus named: John S., Emma, Daniel H., Myrtle E., James H. (died January 10, 1895), Joseph R., Ernest A. and Gladys S.

Mrs. Eliza (McLing) Bates is a woman of more than ordinary abilities, one of the best types of the true womanhood of the West. She is an expert promologist and the beautiful orchard on the estate, of which she takes especial care, is well worth visiting. There are about five acres of various standard fruit trees now in bearing and about three acres of orchard three years old. She received the highest cash award, \$3.50, offered by the state in 1900, for the best Wolf River apples, and in 1902 she received three cash prizes for the largest pears, best variety of prunes and Maiden's Blush apples. She also displayed the best variety of honey and in many ways has exhibited her

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